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SUBJECT: SYRIAN PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 12 SC DEBATE

1. DECEMBER 23 DAMASCUS PRESS STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM HAD MET PREVIOUS DAY WITH PLO LEADERS ARAFAT, QADDUMI AND MUHSIN TO BRIEF THEM ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING JANUARY 12 DEBATE.

2. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISER DAOUDI ADVISED AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 23 THAT PREPARATION OF SYRIAN POSITION WAS UNDERWAY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY "AT TECHNICAL LEVEL."

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ROBERTS UNDERSTANDS ONCE SYRIAN POSITION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IT MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR FORMAL APPROVAL TO BOTH THE BAATH PARTY REGIONAL COMMAND AND THEN TO THE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE FRONT (BAATHI, COMMUNIST, NASSERISTS AND TWO SMALL "SOCIALIST" PARTIES).

4. COMMENT: WITH SAUDI STATE VISIT HERE DECEMBER 25-27 AND ASAD'S OWN TRIP TO TEHRAN, ACCOMPANIED BY KHADDAM, DECEMBER 28-31, IT IS PROBABLE THAT PRESIDENTIAL DECISIONS ON THE
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SYRIAN POSITION WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL THE FIRST

WEEK OF JANUARY.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY TECHNICIANS NOW AT WORK
REPORTEDLY INCLUDE ALLAF (SYRIA'S PERMREP AT UN)
AND KAYLANI, FORMER PERMREP NOW DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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